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DWR Seeks More Green Energy for State Water Project

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is continuing to increase the amount of green energy in the State Water Project (SWP) power portfolio. DWR has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to purchase up to 180,000 MWh of energy a year from qualified renewable energy sources.

This was announced by Veronica Hicks, Chief of the DWR's State Water Project Power and Risk Office. This is anticipated to be the first in a series of requests to further supplement with renewable energy the SWP energy portfolio, half of which already, on average, consists of clean hydropower.

"The purchase of renewable energy will assist DWR in meeting its goal of reducing its greenhouse gas footprint to 50 percent below its 1990 emissions," stated Mark Cowin, DWR Director. "This step also helps achieve the Governor's goal of increasing the use of renewable energy in California."

Below is the text of DWR's Request for Proposals:

**The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Power and Risk Office
NOTICE
Request for Proposal
RFP No. 10069361**

The California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for renewable energy and capacity, including attributes used to qualify for Resource Adequacy, and all associated Environmental Attributes, including Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs"), from renewable facilities through one or more Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). The Delivery Period must be a minimum of two (2) years, with delivery commencing no earlier than thirty (30) days after the contract date or no later than January 1, 2015. Proposals must be based on facilities (or proposed share of facilities) with a capacity of at least five (5) MW. CDWR prefers an annual volume of energy between 15,000 MWh and 180,000 MWh. You can view/download the RFP from the Bid Sync website at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPX> or request copies of the RFP package by calling Valerie Cox at (916) 574-1862 or by email at vcox@water.ca.gov. Request for Proposals are due by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. February 21, 2012, at the following address:

Department of Water Resources
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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.